

FISCAL NOTE

HB 281 - SB 1816

February 9, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes school buses that reach their fifteenth year of service within 180 days of the end of the school year to continue to operate provided that they meet all safety requirements for operation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact – By allowing buses to continue to operate for this additional time period, there would be a potential shift in expenditures for local governments from one fiscal year to another for the cost of any buses that have reached their fifteen year limit and need to be replaced. Such a shift is estimated to exceed \$1,000,000 statewide.

Assumptions:

- The 180 days specified in the bill refers to calendar days, not school days.
- An increase in state expenditures would occur due to additional inspections of buses by the Department of Safety. This increase is estimated to be not significant and could be handled utilizing existing resources of the Department of Safety.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director